

amiable and polite out of it,¹² and, as far [as] depended upon us, it was soon settled, but we wait and may wait some time for approbations from our Courts¹³ and the forms of business still.

He is just made a lieutenant-general,¹⁴ by which, however, I am very glad I don't lose him, as he has orders from his Court at the same time to continue his negotiation with me.

By the last post he had an account of eighteen persons of the first rank and distinction taken up in Portugal with a list of their names;¹⁵ this looks very serious, and shows that the story of the fall in his chamber or stairs¹⁶ had a meaning which they have conducted with great secrecy and policy.

The death of the Princess *Gouvernante*¹⁷ will, I doubt, make

12. Conway wrote of him to Devonshire Jan. 1759 (*loc. cit.*), 'His character and behaviour have in everything more than answered the best I had heard of him, he is quite a soldier but in all appearance both an honest and polite one, not a smooth outside, courtly politesse, but of that good kind that seems to come from the heart . . . I found such a disposition in Monsieur du Barail as made it quite easy between us so that had we come more authorized and instructed from our Courts it would have been over by this time.' Conway also wrote Barrington 19 Jan. 1759, 'I think I never knew anybody less inclined to make difficulties than Monsieur du Bareil' (W.O. 1/863, f. 488).

13. Conway wrote Barrington 24 Jan. 1759, 'Monsieur du Bareil having last night received a courier from his Court with their answers to the propositions which he had sent there agreeable to what I had the honour before to inform your Lordship, and as that answer contains I think in effect their consent to the several articles mentioned, I take the first opportunity to acquaint your Lordship therewith. . . . And as Monsieur du Bareil has received a full power to make any other little alterations in the treaty that might tend to the perfection of it, and at the same time to conclude and sign it without any other reference to his Court, he has allowed me to send the enclosed copy that in case my powers on the return to my dispatches should not be equally extensive and that it should be

thought necessary to send over a draft of the treaty for approbation as little time as possible may be lost. If my instructions should appear sufficient on their arrival, I shall then proceed to give all proper dispatch to the business agreeable thereto' (W.O. 1/863, ff. 499-500). Barrington's replies of 23 and 30 Jan. were acknowledged by Conway on 31 Jan. and 4 Feb.; see *post* 28 Jan. 1759 *bis*, nn. 2, 6.

14. On 18 Dec. 1758 (*ante* 19 Jan. 1759, n. 2); Conway also mentions this in his letter to Devonshire Jan. 1759.

15. An attempt had been made to assassinate the K. of Portugal 3 Sept. 1758. The exact nature of the attack had been partially concealed at the time and a full 'official' account was not published until 9 Dec. Accounts, presumably similar to those Barail had received, that the conspirators had been arrested, reached London on 15 Jan. (*Daily Adv.* 16 Jan.), and a list of eleven of the conspirators was printed in the *London Gazette* No. 9861, 13-16 Jan. Ten of the accused had already been executed on 13 Jan. For the affair, see MANN v. 250-1 and nn. 2-6, 264-5 and nn. 8-9, 267 and n. 7; MORE 9 and nn. 3-5.

16. The official account given out at the time of the assassination attempt was that the King, in passing through a gallery to go to the Queen's apartments, had fallen and bruised his right arm (*ibid.* 9, n. 3; MANN v. 265, n. 9).

17. The Princess of Orange (*ante* 24 June 1748 NS) died 12 Jan. She had been *Gouvernante* of the Dutch Republic since